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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Fisheries and Ports (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O. (P) No.2/2024/F&PD

*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 06<sup>th</sup> June, 2024*

S. R. O. No. 498/2024

*23<sup>th</sup> Idavam, 1199*

WHEREAS, clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (Act 10 of 1981) read with rule 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 2018, empowers the Government to regulate, restrict, or prohibit the use of fishing gear in any



specified area, as maybe prescribed and sub-section (2) of section 4 of the said Act stipulate the ground for invoking the powers under sub-section (1) of section 4 of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala are convinced of the need to ban bottom trawling in the sea along the entire coastline of Kerala for conserving the fish wealth and thereby to protect the interest of persons engaged in fishing, particularly those engaged in fishing using traditional fishing crafts such as cattamarans, country crafts, canoes;

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary to conserve and regulate fishing on a scientific basis;

AND WHEREAS, it is imperative to maintain law and order in the sea and offshore of Kerala coast;

AND WHEREAS, there is need to avoid loss of human life and property due to accidents in the sea during squally weather conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (Act 10 of 1981) read with rule 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 2018, the Government of Kerala hereby prohibit the use of bottom trawls in the sea, along the entire coastline of the State of Kerala within the area specified under G.O(P). NO.136/84/PWF&PD dated the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1984, published as SRO No. 1496/84 in the Kerala Gazette Extra Ordinary No.1055 dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1984, for a period of 52 days with effect from the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 (both days inclusive).

By order of the Governor,

K. S. SRINIVAS

*Principal Secretary*



### **Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (Act 10 of 1981) read with rule 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 2018, empowers the Government to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use of fishing gear in any specified area as may be prescribed and sub-section (2) of section 4 of the said Act stipulate the ground for invoking the powers under sub-section (1) of section 4 of the said Act. There have been persistent demands from various sections of fishing community for imposing ban on bottom trawling on the ground that the bottom trawling during the monsoon period would adversely affect the conservation of fish wealth and their share of earnings from fishing. Consequently there have been clashes between the fishermen belonging to the traditional sector and mechanized sector leading to serious law and order problems in the sea and in the coastal area. There have been frequent occurrences of squally weather conditions in the sea during monsoon leading to accidents resulting in loss of human life and property. The Government after considering all the aspects relating to the matter, particularly the adverse effect of bottom trawling have decided to ban bottom trawling, in the territorial waters of the State of Kerala for a period of 52 days in the monsoon season starting from the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 (both days inclusive).

The Notification is intended to achieve the above object

